GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
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PRODUCTION OF ZINC
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the production of zinc in the country during each of the last three years; State-wise; and

(b) the efforts being made by Hindustan Zinc Limited and the Union Government to increase the production?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) Primary zinc in the country is produced by Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL) and Binani Industries Limited (BIL). Two zinc smelters o HZL are located in Rajasthan and one zinc smelter is located in Andhra Pradesh. The smelter of BIL is located in Kerala. The year wise production of zinc during the last three years in various States was as follows:

(In tonnes)

Year	Andhra Pradesh	Rajasthan	Kerala	Total production
1999 - 2000	34,364	1,11,779	28,814	1,74,957
2000 - 2001	31,960	1,16,132	29,923	1,78,015
2001 - 2002	36,816	1,39,232	29,161	2,05,209

(b) For increasing the production of zinc in the country the following steps have been taken:

(i) HZL has expanded the installed capacity of Vizag and Debari Smelters by 10,000 tonnes each.

(ii) Reconnaissance Permits /Prospecting Licences have been granted for exploration of zinc which may result in find of new zinc deposits and eventual extraction of zinc from the ore.